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Re: Continued Prosecution Application Request; Amendment; Preliminary Amendment for  
**AUCTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Serial No.: 09/644,411

Our Ref. No.: 4A02.1-010

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Docket No.

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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/644,411 filed on August 23, 2000 and entitled:

**AUCTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ This application is being filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).

- a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

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- b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed.

5. ☒ Small Entity Status:

- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
- b. ☒ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.

6. ☒ The fee for this application is calculated as follows:

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	37	- 20 =	17	x \$25.00	\$425.00
Indep. Claims	3	- 3 =	0	x \$43.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
BASIC FEE					\$395.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$820.00

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7. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit  
Account No. **50-2591**
- ☐ fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.  
☐ fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.  
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8. ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
9. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
- a. ☐ PTO-1449
- b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
10. ☒ Also enclosed:  
**Credit Card Authorization Form**
11. ☐ The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below:

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**ELIGIBLE QUALIFICATIONS:** This CPA application must be based on a previously filed patent application that is eligible for continued prosecution under 37 CFR 1.53(d). The CPA application must be filed on or before the date of the final disposition of the application on which it is based, and must be filed on or before the date of the final disposition of the application on which it is based, and must be filed on or before the date of the final disposition of the application on which it is based.

**CPA FEE PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d) if the fee for the CPA is not paid by the applicant.

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. The CPA must be used to file a continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part application if the prior application is abandoned.

**ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATIONS:** The filing of this CPA will be considered to include a waiver of the right to the abandoned prior application under 35 U.S.C. 225(b) to the extent the applicant in the CPA does not request that the prior application be kept confidential. The applicant may be given similar access to copies of information contained in the prior application or applications in the file.

**35 U.S.C. 111 STATEMENT:** This CPA is a request to the prior application is used to amend the scope of the specification. This money should be submitted. If the applicant is requesting the prior application be submitted, it will be entered on the subject of CPA. The fee for the CPA is \$100.00 and the CPA application assigned the application number identified in the prior application.

Dated:



Signature

Michael J. Mehrman

Typed or printed name

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- ☐ Inventor(s)
- ☐ Assignee of complete interest
- ☒ Attorney or agent of record

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